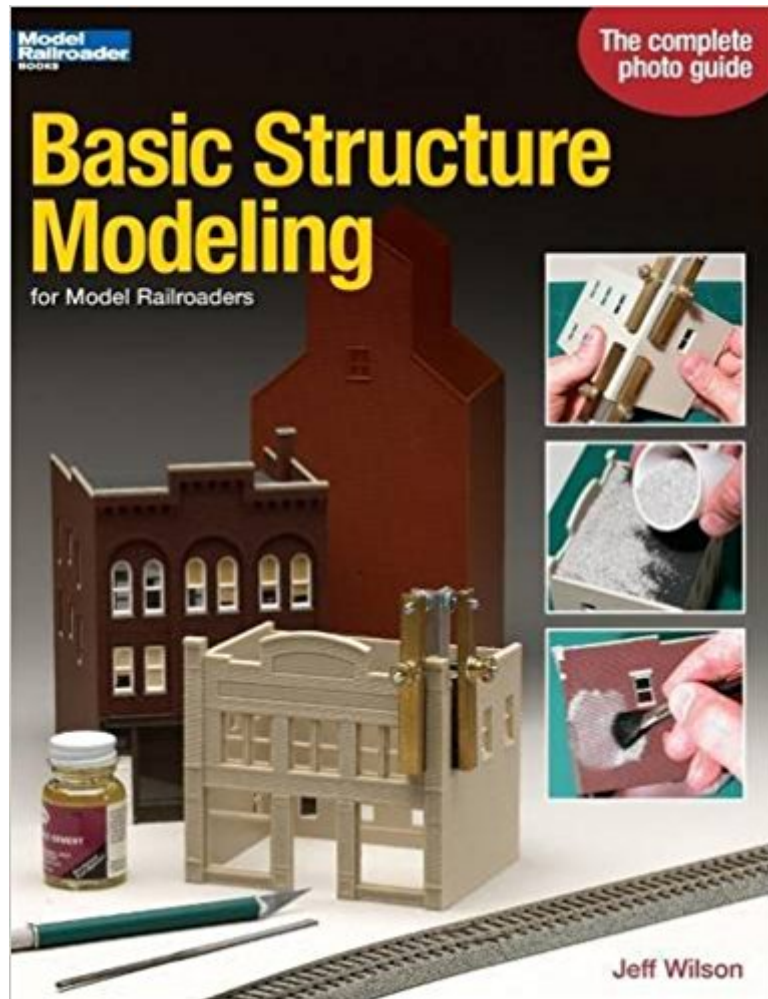


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# Basic Structure Modeling For Model Railroaders (Model Railroader Books)



## Synopsis

Learn the reasons for including structures on your layout, then select and build the your own!

Photo-driven projects demonstrate the tools, materials, and techniques used when modeling plastic or wood structures. Offers techniques for realistic finishing, including painting, weathering, sign making, interior detailing, and more.

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## Customer Reviews

I wrote instructive technical weather articles for pilots for a number of years, and I know first hand how difficult it is to convey new concepts and techniques to people who are unfamiliar with a topic. Jeff Wilson has created a PERFECT book on structure modeling for model railroads. Without a doubt this is the very best I've seen on any model railroad topic. The keys to his success lie not only in his clear, concise and complete writing style, but also in the visual support through an abundance of photographs which detail what he's trying to teach. I immediately bought his other book, Basic Painting and Weathering after reading the first. And I will order any others he produces sight unseen. You simply cannot go wrong. Your success is immediate with this book.

If this is your goal then the book will serve as valuable introduction to the subject. It provides a great introduction to creating model structures that are more than "glue and glop" jobs. As someone who just entered into the hobby, I did not have a stack of back copies for either Model Railroader or Model Railroad Craftsman. Consequently, I did not have the knowledge to create fine structures at

my disposal. Without purchasing this book I would have been subject to a great deal of experiential learning. Given the price of many structures, such a path would have got me in trouble with wife. This book saved me a huge amount of time and error, and got me to the point where I can create a very nice model. All in all, the price was justified by the store of useful information contained within the covers. So if you need an introduction to topic, get this work.

This is a gold mine of information, especially for the beginner. Little things mean a lot, especially with putting together a structure. You can take some or many of the tips & tricks shown in this book for a multitude of kit types, to make your buildings look more realistic. I was very pleased at Jeff's descriptions, his ideas, simple explanations, and pictures (lots o' those) on how to bring Model Railroad buildings "more to life". It doesn't get into a lot of the lighting, so you may wish to look for more on that elsewhere, but for everything else, this is THE REFERENCE BOOK TO HAVE.

While not new to model railroading I have not successfully built many structures. After purchasing "Basic Scenery for Model Railroads" and enjoying it so much I purchased this book to help me get started with structures. I am not disappointed. This book has been great to show what to do, and not do, as I develop my talents with buildings for my railroad. All I need now is to gain more experience. I highly recommend this book.

The author takes you from the basics to more advanced techniques in a way that is easy to understand and apply. I have learned much about the various tools and techniques that are not all that difficult to use once they are explained properly and the author explains things very well.

I am really impressed by this book. I don't have a lot of experience in model building beyond my poor childhood attempts but Jeff Wilson does an excellent job in this book to bring anyone up to speed. The color pictures are helpful and the main text references those pictures faithfully. The text is very easy to read which was a big surprise. Wilson does a good job of emphasizing practices he feels are essential to the realism of a structure. He also does a good job of presenting multiple methods when those methods produce successful looking results. The best thing about this book is that he is very candid with the tools, glues, paints, brushes, model and parts manufacturers,...etc which he finds the best. He provides the model numbers for the 9 brushes he uses as well as the paint id numbers for best colors for brick. He does not shy away from expressing his preferences on materials. This attribute may polarize more seasoned modelers against him (if they have a

difference of opinion on suppliers) but I found it refreshing to have that insider knowledge from a pro. I randomly bought this book, expecting that after a couple attempted read throughs I would set it on my bookshelf where it would gather dust but I have not put it down since I got it. I wish Jeff Wilson had a book on scenery!

Its a good introductory book. I guess it pretty good for those who are putting together plastic kits that they bought from a store. Not really what I was looking for but its okay for beginners.

Has given me some good tips for further model making and has good information on different manufacturers. This would be a good reference source for new to reasonably experienced railway modellers or wargamers.

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